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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. National Phase application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Field of the Invention statement starting on line 3, please insert - This is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/AU98/00145, filed March 6, 1999, which claims priority of Australian Patent Application P05494/97, filed March 7, 1997.--.

On page 81 before Claim 1, pleas	e delete the word	"CLAIMS"	and substitute	therefor
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS				

On page 9, line 8, after the sequence "5'-TGTTGGA-3" and before the word "or", please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:4) --.

On page 9, line 8, after the sequence "5'-TTTGATA-3" and before the word "or", please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:5) --.